

1. (Twice amended) A recording medium comprising:  
a first memory for storing encrypted content material via  
a first write operation;  
a recording indicator for containing a unique identifier  
5 at each occurrence of the first write operation; and  
a second memory for storing, via a second write operation,  
a secure item based on the unique identifier when the encrypted  
content material is stored.

2. (Amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1,

wherein:

the secure item includes an encrypted key for facilitating  
a decryption of the encrypted content material, the encrypted key  
5 being dependent upon the unique identifier.

3. (Twice amended) The recording medium as claimed in claim 1,

wherein:

the recording indicator includes a counter incremented by  
a recording device when the recording device records the encrypted  
5 content material.

4. (Twice amended) A rendering device for rendering content

material corresponding to encrypted content material contained on a

recording medium, the recording medium also including a recording indicator containing an original value, the rendering device  
5 comprising:

one or more decrypters for decrypting the encrypted content material based on a current value of the recording indicator, said one or more decrypters provide the content material only when the current value of the recording indicator corresponds  
10 to the original value of the recording indicator; and

a renderer configured to render the content material.

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5. (Twice amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

an authorization device for controlling the renderer based on a usage-measure associated with the recording medium, and a  
5 validity period associated with the content material.

6. (Twice amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said rendering device further comprises:

a key generator for creating a unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator,  
5 and wherein the one or more decrypters decrypt the encrypted content material based on the unique key based on the current value of the recording indicator.

7. (Amended) The rendering device as claimed in claim 6,  
wherein the one or more decrypters include:

a first decrypter for decrypting a doubly encrypted  
content key based on a private key of the rendering device to  
5 provide a singly encrypted content key;

a second decrypter for decrypting the singly encrypted  
content key based on the unique key that is based on the current  
value of the recording indicator to provide a content key; and

a third decrypter for decrypting the encrypted content  
material based on the content key to provide the content material.

*Cn* 8. (Twice amended) A provider of content material comprising:

*b1v* a recorder for recording encrypted content material and a  
corresponding secure item on a recording medium;

the encrypted content material being encrypted based on a  
5 content key; and

the secure item being based on a value of a recording  
indicator of the recording medium when the encrypted content  
material is recorded on the recording medium.

*6 9.* (Twice amended) The content material provider as claimed in  
claim *8*, wherein the content material provider further comprises:

an allocator for allocating rendering rights associated  
with the encrypted content material,

5 and wherein the recorder further records the rendering rights on  
the recording medium.

~~6. 10. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim  
8, wherein~~

~~the secure item corresponds to an encryption of the  
content key based on the value of the recording indicator.~~

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~~11. (Twice amended) The content material provider as claimed in  
claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:  
one or more encrypters for providing the secure item.~~

~~8 12. (Twice amended) The content material provider as claimed in  
claim 8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:  
a key generator for generating a unique key based on the  
value of the recording indicator; and~~

5 one or more encrypters for encrypting the content key  
based on the unique key to produce the secure item.

~~9 13. (Amended) The content material provider as claimed in claim  
8, wherein said content material provider further comprises:  
a first encrypter for encrypting the content key based on  
a unique key that is dependent upon a value of the recording  
5 indicator to produce a singly encrypted content key; and~~

a second encrypter for encrypting the singly encrypted content key based on a public key that is associated with a rendering device to produce a doubly encrypted content key corresponding to the secure item.

<sup>10</sup> 14. (Amended) A method of providing content material, the method comprising the steps:

recording encrypted content material on a recording medium, the encrypted content material being dependent upon the content material and a content key; and

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*B1* recording a secure item on the recording medium, the secure item being dependent upon a recording indicator that is associated with the recording medium.

<sup>10</sup> 15. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim <sup>10</sup> 14, wherein said method further comprises the step:

recording rendering rights associated with the encrypted content material on the recording medium.

<sup>10</sup> 16. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim <sup>10</sup> 14, wherein said method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the recording indicator; and

5                encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce  
the secure item.

*17* 17. (Amended)    The method as claimed in claim *14*, wherein the  
method further comprises the steps:

generating a unique key based on the recording indicator;  
encrypting the content key using the unique key to produce  
5    a singly encrypted content key; and  
              encrypting the singly encrypted content key using a public  
key associated with a rendering device to produce the secure item.

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*14* 18. (Amended)    A method of rendering content material from a  
recording medium that includes encrypted content material, an  
encrypted content key, and a recording indicator, the method  
comprising the steps:

5                determining a unique key based on the recording indicator;  
              decrypting the encrypted content key based on the unique  
key to provide a content key;  
              decrypting the encrypted content material based on the  
content key to provide the content material; and  
10              rendering the content material.

*14* 19. (Amended)    The method as claimed in claim *18*, wherein:  
              the recording medium also includes rendering rights, and

the step of rendering the content material is dependent upon the rendering rights.

*Cont* 20. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the step of decrypting the encrypted content key includes:

decrypting the encrypted content key based on a private key to provide a singly encrypted content key; and

decrypting the singly encrypted content key based on the unique key to provide the content key.

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